
Louisiana

Success Story:

Rural Development Partners with HUD for Neighborhood Homeownership Fair

Outline of Need

Affordable homeownership is a goal that some families have a difficult time achieving. USDA Rural Development's Single Family Housing Program offers these families options that can help them succeed in owning their own home.

How Rural Development Helped

In a partnership effort coordinated at the national level, USDA Rural Development assisted the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in conducting a neighborhood homeownership fair in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday, June 16, 2003.

The HUD Homeownership Express bus rolled into town with tent, tables, and chairs—ready to provide homeownership information to fair attendees. Sharrell Fischer and her neighbors were there to greet the colorful bus and celebrate her success in completing the Section 8 Homeownership Program. Sharrell recently became a homeowner through the Section 8 Homeownership Program. On hand to kick-off this Homeownership Month event and commend Sharrell for her success were HUD Deputy Secretary Alphonso Jackson and U.S. Representative William Jefferson.

After comments by officials, everyone took off their jackets, rolled up their sleeves, and went to work providing program information to interested folks.

The Results

The City of New Orleans and surrounding areas are not eligible for Rural Development programs; however, many attendees were interested in housing opportunities in rural areas, and were pleased to discover Rural Development's programs. Many contacts were made with HUD representatives—strengthening the partnership in Louisiana.

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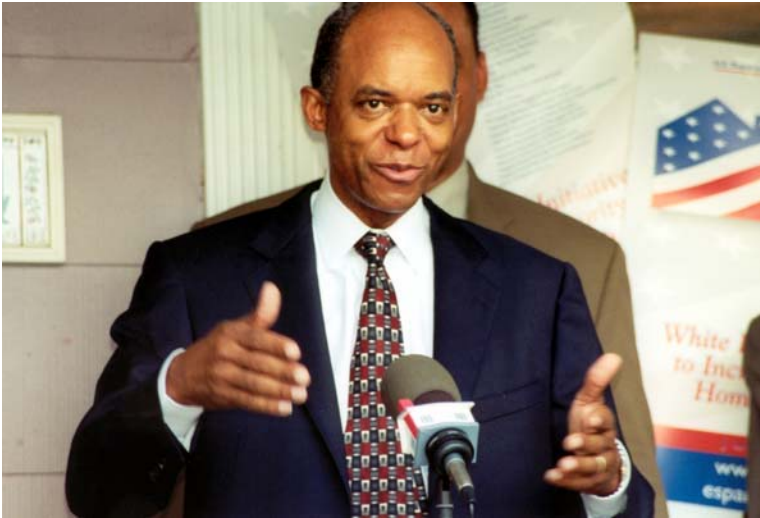
HUD
Homeownership
Express Bus



Homeownership Month Banner
on Sharrell Fischer's front porch.



HUD/USDA Rural Development
Partnership. L to R: Patricia Hoban-
Moore, HUD Field Office Director, New
Orleans; Alphonso Jackson, Deputy
Secretary for HUD; Sean LeBlanc, Rural
Development Manager, USDA Rural
Development



U.S. Representative William Jefferson, Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District, emphasizes the importance of homeownership.



HUD Deputy Secretary Alphoso Jackson talks with homeownership fair attendees.